

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

2nd Pine Newsprint

Mill for South

Tribute to Herty

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Do you have your Christmas tree up yet? I have surely seen a lot of beautifully decorated trees in the homes of my friends. If you don't have your tree, you had better hurry to get one. The stores have some very pretty trees in nearly all sizes, too, and they have many pretty decorations, also. Don't you think a pretty silver star right in the top of the tree really sets it off? I like pretty lights, different colored glass balls, tinsel, and lots of silvery icicles.

Let me tell you that Santa himself really enjoys going from home to home and seeing all the pretty decorations.

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U. S., Britain and Canada to Unify Arms

London, Dec. 19. —(AP)— Britain, the United States, and Canada announced today a plan for standardizing their arms and military training.

The program is aimed at correcting and eliminating technical differences which interfered with easy cooperation of the three powers in two world wars.

Its purpose is to permit swift integration of their men and arms into a smoothly-functioning military machine in event of another international conflict.

The British ministry of defense said technical experts of the three countries have been working on standardization since 1947. They have made considerable progress in preliminary studies. It is known—and have made recommendations for standardization of certain key weapons.

Leftist forces in Britain opposed this cooperation, and in parliamentary debates called the move an aggressive weapon aimed at Soviet Russia.

In connection with the standardization studies there have been frequent exchanges of military personnel between the two nations on operational levels.

American pilots have been assigned to fly and study Britain's jet bombers. At the same time, British and Canadian officers have worked in developing and flying many American planes. Similar exchanges have been made in the other branches of the armed services.

These arrangements will insure that in time of necessity there will be no material or technical obstacles to full cooperation among the armed forces concerned.

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Housing Program on Truman's Legislative List

Washington, Dec. 19. —(AP)— A broad program to step up construction of homes costing \$8,500 to \$10,000 was reported today to have clinched a high place on President Truman's legislative list for congress next session.

An official of the federal housing administration said the nation's middle-income families are now among those most in need of new homes.

It is like to see more rental properties, this same "forgotten man," he told a reporter.

He noted that home-building has proceeded at a record pace this year, with the result that the demand for dwellings which cost more than \$12,000 has largely been met.

But Americans in the middle-income brackets — especially non-veterans — have not yet been adequately provided for, he said.

Pressure for 5-Day Coal Week Mounts

Pittsburgh, Dec. 19. —(AP)— President Truman and congress may have to face a problem next month — how to get John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers back on a five-day work week.

Pressure is increasing in some quarters for the President to invoke the Taft-Hartley act.

Industry leaders say Lewis has created a national emergency through the four full scale walk-outs he called this year and the three-day week which he has ordered indefinitely for his 80,000 United Mine Workers.

There's enough coal on hand for about three months unless unusual cold weather prevails. But retailers and steel companies are watching their dwindling stockpiles and are worried.

The steel companies are starting to cut up their reserves. They're trying to catch up with the production they lost during the recent two-day old strike of the CIO United Steelworkers.

It all adds up to increasing pressure on the industry and Lewis to get together on a contract to extend the one which expired last June 30.

Lewis isn't saying anything. But he's keeping a close watch on efforts of his lieutenants to get independent coal operators to sign contracts and break away from the solid front maintained by the industry's leaders. Meanwhile, the anthracite operators which employ about 30,000 miners.

UMW officers say some contracts have been signed to cover a few of the 400,000 coal miners. They haven't said how many but indicate they have signed operators who produce about 10 per cent of the national tonnage.

Top coal spokesmen scoff at the figures.

A while, industry leaders want the Taft-Hartley act used to get all diggers back into the pits on a five-day week.

Former Representative, Hartley, plumping for such action. In a speech at Atlantic City, N. J., yesterday, Hartley declared Lewis is "the nation's number one oil-burner salesman. He represents companies and homes which have switched from coal to oil for fuel."

Mr. Truman has been here since Nov. 28. He pronounced his stay at the White House his most successful vacation, and he looked it, too, with a heavy tan from at least two hours a day on the beach and in the water.

President will remain in Washington long enough for a special cabinet meeting Thursday morning. Then he will fly Friday to his home in Independence, Mo., for a five-day Christmas visit with his family.

Yokohama, Japan, Dec. 19. —(UP)— Angus Ward, former Mukden U. S. consul general, arrived in Japan today and immediately accepted an opportunity to give Gen. Douglas MacArthur a firsthand account of conditions in Communist China at lunch on Wednesday.

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Cotton Policy Dispute to Be Campaign Issue

Washington, Dec. 19. —(AP)— Protests from the cotton belt threatened today to intensify public disagreement between Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and Senator Anderson (D-Miss.).

Sharp differences between these two Democratic spokesmen on farm programs and policies may complicate next year's political campaign.

The current flare-up results from drastic reductions in plantings and incomes faced by cotton farmers, principally those in the older cotton belt.

Anderson, who preceded Brannan as President Truman's secretary of agriculture, sponsored a new cotton acreage reduction law earlier this year.

Last Friday, Brannan said the blame for the present situation rested on "mistakes" in the law, which he said his department resisted unsuccessfully at the time.

One of the few cotton belt congressmen now in Washington, Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), told a reporter that the next session of congress will be forced "to take immediate action on this."

Carefully side-stepping the Anderson-Brannan row, Sparkman said the cotton control law must be changed "to give more flexibility" to the secretary, the state farm committees and the local county committees in making allotments.

In general the cotton control law aimed at cutting back cotton production to avoid piling up price-depressing surpluses. Next year the acreage is to be about 21,000,000 instead of about 27,000,000 last year.

Sparkman explained an "emergency" Alabama cotton growers get an allotment of about 31 per cent of previous crop lands. A man with 1,000 acres of land, who formerly got 300 acres to cotton, now gets an allotment of 310 acres. His neighbor with 1,000 acres who planted little or no cotton, gets the same allotment.

Despite the storm of complaints about acreage reductions, cotton growers voted overwhelmingly for rigid planting and marketing controls for next year. The majority was 89 per cent with only two dissenting votes.

"Lots of people who squeaked about allotments voted for controls," Sparkman said. "They believe the complaints will be worked out and my guess is they are right."

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WARD TASTES CIVILIZATION — U. S. Consul General Angus Ward, recently released by Chinese Communists, trims his famous beard for the first time in 13 months aboard the S. S. Lakeland Victory en route to Japan from Korea. Ward borrowed the ship barber's electric clippers to perform what was described as "a good job." Ward and his wife will continue on to the U. S. aboard the President Wilson, leaving Japan Dec. 22. (NEA Radio-Telephoto)

Hungarians Jail U. S. Charity Distributor

Vienna, Dec. 17. —(AP)— Israel Jacobson, director of the American Joint Distribution Committee in Hungary, has been arrested by Hungarian police; it was learned here today.

Hungarian officials confirmed his arrest, but refused to specify the charges against him.

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Wall Street Betting on Inflation Ahead

New York, Dec. 19. —(AP)— Many observers believe that Wall Street, Washington and Pittsburgh — and apparently Main Street, too — are betting on inflation ahead.

Brokers report that the public is coming into the stock market, and that there is a noticeable shift from bonds and preferreds to the buying of common stock — both trends usually considered indications of inflation.

Washington is drafting next year's budget — in a financial atmosphere ruled by deficit financing, which means the pumping of new money into the economy.

Washington also notes that installment credit is rising and that the authority to apply curbs has lapsed. And low interest rates and easy money are still signs of federal reserve criticism.

All these are listed as inflationary. Pittsburgh sees steel prices going up, and figures that the steel companies wouldn't have taken that step unless they were betting on sustained steel demand in the months ahead, and on general business speed-up such as companies the first phase of a new inflationary spiral.

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William R. Coley, charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with an auto-truck collision Dec. 5 in which two persons were killed, waived preliminary hearing in Hope Municipal court this morning and was held for grand jury action. Bond was fixed at \$500.

Killed in the accident were Cecil T. Wallace, 55, and the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lively, John Lewis Lively. Three other persons were seriously injured. The case will probably be heard in Hempstead Circuit Court the first week in April, 1950. Coley pleaded guilty having no chauffeur's license, \$10 fine suspended. Robert Hargett charged with grand larceny in connection with the theft of an automobile here December 13, also waived preliminary examination and was held for grand jury with bond fixed at \$500.

The docket: James Easter, carrying a pistol as a weapon, plea guilty, fined \$50. Harry Keith, drunkenness, forfeited \$10 cash bond. L. Y. Yates, Bills Burns, running "Stop" sign, forfeited \$1 cash bond.

Willie Gean Davis, no brake on car forfeited \$5 cash bond. Willie West, Frank Jones, driver's license, forfeited \$5 bond. H. W. Griffin, blocking an intersection, forfeited \$1 cash bond. James Knight, possessing a got of intoxicating liquor in dry county, forfeited \$100 bond.

H. P. Cannon, disturbing the peace, fined \$10. State Docket: U. S. Henry rockless, plea guilty, fined \$25. William Sherman, no driver's license, plea guilty, fined \$25. Wm. R. Coley, no chauffeur's license, plea guilty, fined \$10. Fine suspended. Glady Mae Wright, Assault & Battery, forfeited \$10 cash bond. Robert Hargett, Grand larceny, examination waived, held for grand jury. Bond fixed at \$500. Olin Murphy, giving an over draft, dismissed on payment of \$50. C. D. Hare vs. James N. McIlroy, action on account, judgment for plaintiff for \$8, by default. Hart Grocery vs. Lonnie John, action on account, judgment for plaintiff for \$80, by default.

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U. S., Britain and Canada to Unify Arms

London, Dec. 19. — (AP) — Britain, the United States, and Canada announced today a plan for standardizing their arms and military training.

The program is aimed at correcting and eliminating technical differences which interfered with easy cooperation of the three powers in two world wars.

Its purpose is to permit swift integration of their men and arms into a smoothly-functioning military machine in event of another international conflict.

The British ministry of defense said technical experts of the three countries have been working on standardization since 1947. They have made considerable progress in preliminary studies, it is known — and have made recommendations for standardization of certain key weapons.

Leftist forces in Britain opposed this cooperation, and in parliamentary debates called the move toward arms standardization an aggressive weapon aimed at Soviet Russia.

In connection with the standardization studies there have been frequent exchanges of military personnel between the two nations on operational levels.

American pilots have been assigned to fly and study Britain's jet bombers. At the same time British and Canadian officers have worked in developing and flying American planes. Similar exchanges have been made in other branches of the armed services.

"These arrangements will insure that in time of necessity there will be no material or technical obstacles to full cooperation among the armed forces concerned in the greatest possible economy of in the use of combined resources and effort will be obtained," the ministry of defense said.

It added that "no treaty, executive agreement or contractual obligation has been entered into by the participating nations."

The three nations have been examining the standardization problem since 1947.

26 Injured as Airliner Crashes

Chicago, Dec. 19 (AP). — A trans-world airliner plowed through two wire fences, sheared off a light pole, knocked down a stone pillar and clipped the corner of a cafe at Municipal airport yesterday without injury to any of 26 persons aboard.

The four-engine constellation came to a halt in normally busy Cicero avenue, an express highway along the side of the airport. It arrived at 8 a. m. from San Francisco carrying 21 passengers and a crew of five.

Capt. Stanley M. Kasper, a TWA pilot for 15 years, blamed the plane's braking mechanism for the mishap. He said he made a normal landing in the muggy weather but that "the brakes were just not there."

The plane was badly damaged.

Christmas holly is supposed to represent the master of the house.

Gazette Circulation Workers Join Editorial Department Employees in Day-Old Strike

Little Rock, Dec. 19. — (AP) — Arkansas Gazette circulation workers who are members of the American Newspaper Guild (CIO) today joined the strike of more than 100 editorial department employees of the paper.

The paper published its usual Monday morning editions, but distribution in the Greater Little Rock area was disrupted.

Gazette editorial department workers walked out Saturday morning in a dispute over contract divisions.

The guild executive committee said in a statement this morning that circulation department workers who are guild members joined the walkout of newsmen and photographers after a strike vote.

It reported that circulation employees who carry the bulk quantities of papers to carriers did not appear to pick up papers for greater Little Rock this morning. "Apparently," it added, "most carriers respected picket lines and did not draw their papers after they were delivered by executives and other non-guild workers to distribution points."

The union statement said circulation workers voted to join the guild two weeks ago but that management declined to recognize them as members of the guild's bargaining unit.

Gazette Publisher Hugh Patterson said the possibility of a walkout of circulation workers had been anticipated, but that greater Little Rock was affected. "Many of the independent carriers did ob-

Housing Program on Truman's Legislative List

Washington, Dec. 19. — (AP) — A broad program to step up construction of homes costing \$8,500 to \$10,000 was reported today to have clinched a high place on President Truman's legislative list for congress next session.

An official of the federal housing administration said the nation's middle-income families are now among those most in need of new homes.

He said he would like to see more rental housing built by the same "forgotten man" of the war, he told a reporter.

The official noted that home-building has proceeded at a record pace this year, with the result that the demand for dwellings which cost more than \$12,000 has largely been met.

But Americans in the middle-income brackets, especially veterans — have not yet been adequately provided for, he said.

Pressure for 5-Day Coal Week Mounts

Pittsburgh, Dec. 19. — (AP) — President Truman and congress are expected to face a problem next week — how to get John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers back on a five-day work week.

Pressure is increasing in some quarters for the President to invoke the Taft-Hartley act.

Industry leaders say Lewis has created a national emergency through the four full scale walkouts he's called this year and the three-day week which he has ordered in January for his 80,000 United Mine Workers.

There's enough coal on hand for about three months unless unusually cold weather prevails. But retailers and steel companies are watching their dwindling stockpiles and are worried.

The steel companies are starting to eat up their reserves. They're trying to catch up with the production they lost during the recent three-day strike of the CIO United States Workers.

It all adds up to increasing pressure on the industry and Lewis to get together on a contract to extend the one which expired last June 30.

Lewis isn't saying anything. But he's keeping a close watch on efforts of his lieutenants to get independent coal operators to sign contracts and break away from the solid front maintained by the industry's leaders. Meanwhile, negotiations are continuing with the anthracite operators who employ about 90,000 miners.

U. M. W. officers say some contracts have been signed to cover a few of the 400,000 soft coal miners. They haven't said how many but indicate they have signed operators who produce about 10 per cent of the national tonnage.

Top coal spokesmen scoff at the figures.

McAuliffe, industry leaders want the Taft-Hartley act used to get all diggers back into the pits on a five-day week.

Former Representative Fred Hartley, co-author of the labor law, also is plumping for such action.

In a speech at Atlantic City, N. J., yesterday, Hartley declared Lewis is "the nation's number one burner salesman." He referred to companies and homes which have switched from coal to oil for fuel.

Ward in Japan for Talk With MacArthur

Yokohama, Japan, Dec. 19. — (AP) — Angus Ward, former Mukden U. S. consul general, arrived in Japan today and immediately accepted an opportunity to give Gen. Douglas MacArthur a first-hand account of conditions in Communist China at lunch on Wednesday.

Ward, his wife and all but two members of his party will leave Japan for the United States Thursday aboard the Alakland Victory, docked in Yokohama at 12:15 a. m. to the welcoming strains of "Stars and Stripes Forever" played by an army band.

William J. Sebald, MacArthur's diplomatic chief, was the first of a number of army and diplomatic officials to board the ship.

"I bring you Gen. MacArthur's greetings," he told the gray-bearded diplomat who finally reached American-controlled territory after a year of virtual confinement and a year of treatment by Chinese communists in Mukden.

Ward smiled and replied: "I'm certainly overwhelmed by this greeting."

Packing Plant Death Toll Mounts to 20

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 19. — (AP) — Mrs. Alice Hammond, 25-year-old Sioux City bookkeeper, died at a hospital today of injuries suffered in an explosion at the Swift & Co. Packing plant here last Wednesday.

Mrs. Hammond was the 20th person to die as a result of the blast. Thirty-eight of the injured still remain hospitalized today.

Cotton Policy Dispute to Be Campaign Issue

Washington, Dec. 19. — (AP) — Protests from the cotton belt threatened today to intensify public disagreement between Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and Senator Anderson (D-NM).

Sharp differences between these key Democratic spokesmen on farm programs and policies may complicate next year's political campaign.

The current flare-up results from drastic reductions in plantings and incomes faced by cotton farmers, principally those in the older cotton belt.

Anderson, who preceded Brannan as President Truman's secretary of agriculture, sponsored a cotton acreage reduction law earlier this year.

On Friday, Brannan said the blame for the present situation rested on "mistakes" in the law, which he said his department resisted unsuccessfully at the time.

One of the few cotton belt congressmen now in Washington, Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.), told a reporter that the next session of congress will be forced "to take immediate action on this."

Carefully side-stepping the Anderson-Brannan row, Sparkman said the cotton control law must be changed "to give more flexibility to the secretary, the state farm committees and the local county committees in making allocations."

In general the cotton control law aims at cutting back cotton production to avoid piling up price-depressing surpluses. Next year the acreage is to be about 21,000,000 instead of about 27,000,000 last year.

Sparkman explained an "ex-way" Alabama cotton growers get an allotment of about 31 per cent of the nation's crop lands. A man with 1,000 acres of farm who formerly planted 900 acres to cotton, now gets an allotment of 310 acres. His neighbor with 1,000 acres who planted little or no cotton, gets the same allotment.

Despite a storm of complaints about acreage reductions, cotton growers voted overwhelmingly for rigid planting and marketing controls for next year. The majority was 89 per cent with only two thirds required.

"Lots of people who squeaked about allotments voted for controls," Sparkman said. "They believe the complaints will be worked out and my guess is they are right."

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Formosa, Where Chiang Plans Last-Ditch Stand, Is Another International Hot Potato

By DeWitt MacKenzie
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

China's big island of Formosa, which has been equipped by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the nationalistic last-ditch stand against the communists, is becoming another international hot potato.

Senator Smith (R-N.J.) stated the other day that General Douglas MacArthur recently told him, Formosa is a center of the security of America's Pacific defenses. The senator said he believed MacArthur would favor sending U. S. troops to the island to head off any communist invasion. The Chinese, by the way, are said to plan occupation of Formosa by next summer.

And why should Formosa be essential to America's defenses? Well, the military experts say this island in hostile hands would flank the U. S. defense area in that vital area, including our great base of Okinawa.

Formosa is at the entrance to the China sea, between China and the Philippines. Its southern tip is only 250 miles from the northern shore of Luzon, chief Philippine island containing Manila and Uncle Sam's base at Cavite. Formosa also is about 650 miles from Japan's big colony of Hong Kong.

Formosa, or Taiwan as the Japs call it, is about the size of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. Its population is about 6,000,000. The island is oblong in shape—245 miles long and 88 miles across at its greatest width. It has a good harbor and modern transport, though it has a mountainous backbone upon which, incidentally, live savage headhunters. It is rich in natural resources.

This island was ceded to Japan at the end of the China-Japanese war of 1895. You get an idea of its importance to the Japs regard it the fact that they were very anxious about foreign ships entering the harbor. Captains were lined up to be taken for refuge there without permission even in a storm.

So there you have the island which is causing global heartburn. At first glance it would seem its occupation by the communists would be a serious thing for America. However, the situation might be viewed from both the political and the military angles, and in inquiry we encounter differences of opinion.

Some military greats insist that American control of Formosa is imperative. Other greats incline to the view that it would be a good thing for the United States to control the island but that it isn't essential since we have control of the sea and the air.

Politically, American control of Formosa is widely regarded as undesirable. Exponents of the hands-off program hold that occupation by the United States would raise the cry of imperialism. The effect on the Asiatic world would be bad.

Moreover the political situation on the island is not good. For one thing there are many communists there, and it is reported that some 8,000 inhabitants have been shot for collaboration with the Reds. Thus far Washington hasn't made a declaration of policy regarding Formosa, though one hears many unofficial expressions pro and con. The situation hasn't yet reached a critical stage. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has an army of some 300,000 on the island, and has American equipment for defense.

Therefore close observers rather expect Washington to pursue a course of watchful waiting for the time being. It's not the sort of thing that can be rushed.

Mrs. Thomas Withdraws From Race

Hackensack, N. J., Dec. 19 —(AP) — Mrs. J. Parnell Thomas withdrew today as a candidate for the congressional seat to be vacated next month by her imprisoned husband.

The withdrawal left the field open to State Labor Commissioner Harry C. Harper who was selected over the weekend as the Republican organization candidate for the 7th congressional district post.

"I have decided that I shall not at this time be a candidate for congress," Mrs. Thomas announced this morning.

It would be impossible for me to campaign adequately in the brief time which elapses before the special election.

Mrs. Thomas had announced previously that she wanted to take over her husband's seat in the house of representatives. Her husband now is serving a full term on payroll padding charges. He has submitted his resignation from congress effective Jan. 2.

Nazi Field General Gets 18 Years

Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 19 —(AP) — A British military court today sentenced former Field Marshal Erich von Manstein to 18 years imprisonment for atrocities against Poles and Russian committed by German troops during the war.

Manstein, last of Hitler's generals to be tried by the victorious Allies, declined to plead for mercy. He was found guilty on nine specific charges and was acquitted on eight other counts. All grew out of alleged atrocities by German troops under his command during the Nazi invasion of Poland and Russia.

The president of the court said the sentence would date from today. The sentence is subject to confirmation by higher authority. The decision to try the German field marshal after such a lengthy imprisonment has aroused much controversy in Britain. Winston Churchill was among the prominent people who subscribed to a fund to provide English counsel to defend him.

Three other German war leaders were also to have been tried by the British. But Field Marshal Walter von Brauchitsch died in captivity, and British army doctors ruled that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt and Col. Gen. Adolf Strauss were unfit to stand trial. They were released.

Tomorrow Manstein will be taken to the prison at WRL, near Hamm, where he will join two other former German commanders-in-chief, Field Marshals Albert Kesselring and Nikolaus von Valkenshorst, who are serving war crimes sentences there.

Manstein's face had remained impassive while the sentence was pronounced. His composure had been shaken only once earlier, when the court announced the charges on which he had been convicted.

Then his face blanched and he looked quickly up to the public gallery where his wife was sitting. He regained his poise, however, and quickly assumed a poker face.

He was the 93rd German to be tried by British military courts for war crimes and had been in captivity for more than four years before the British brought him to trial. The British have announced Manstein's trial ends war crimes prosecutions.

Police to Investigate Girl Hermit

Greenville, Tenn., Dec. 19 —(AP) — Authorities were mystified today over what made an apparently normal 18-year-old girl live for two years like a hermit in the dark, foul attic of her own home.

Joyce Conduff was terrified when officers, using an anonymous telephone tip found her cowering behind the chimney, under the eaves in the filthy attic. They had to drag her from the garret.

Below, in the rest of the drab, one-story frame house, lived her father, two half-brothers and a half-sister. They said they knew she was in the attic and showed little concern.

Ernie Conduff, 56, the girl's father and a milk company employee, said that "Joyce stayed in the attic because she didn't like her stepmother."

But after questioning the girl at police headquarters, county officers said they thought there might be more to it than that.

"We're going to investigate and watch this case closely," said Deputy Sheriff F. K. Lineberger. "We will see first how things work out at that house."

"I think there is something behind all of this that we don't know about."

No charges were placed because Joyce's existence in the attic appeared to be by her own choice. Police found Joyce Saturday night. She had slept on a few planks laid across the sills of the unfloored attic. Decaying orange and grapefruit peels littered the cubicle. She had used a paper bag for sanitation.

The girl was badly undernourished and said she hadn't eaten a hot meal in two years. Her too short, crudely-cropped brunette hair was matted. She wore blue dungarees and a blouse "so tight it looked like she had grown into them," police said.



Using non-inflammable ornaments, this housewife (left) decorates the tree. She checks wiring (upper right) before stringing tree with electric lights. Householder (lower right) chooses live Christmas tree as safest, takes further precautions to dampen soil in tub in which it's firmly "planted."



WATER SHORTAGE MAKES BIG SPLASH—Residents of drought-ridden Roosevelt, N. J., draw their ration of water from an Army truck sent from Port Monmouth, N. J., after the town's two artesian wells went dry. Water shortage worries many cities in the East. New York faces a three-year drought. Cincinnati, O., Philadelphia, Balt. more, Jersey City, New Brunswick, N. J., and Memphis are among the bigger cities facing drastic water shortages. If water continues to disappear at its present rate, authorities say vast areas of the U. S. might become desert wastelands.



AIR FORCE TESTS NEW LITTER-BEARER—Clam-shell doors swing open to show the engine of the new H-19 Sikorsky helicopter just flight-tested successfully by the Air Force at Bridgeport, Conn. Transfer of motor from behind pilot to the copter's nose gives more passenger and cargo room to the craft, which was designed for search, rescue and liaison work. The H-19 can carry eight litters and one attendant, or 10 passengers.

Tribunal Rules Spa Library Can Sell Lots

Little Rock, Dec. 19 —(AP) — The Arkansas Supreme court held today a Hot Springs library organization may sell its real estate and use the proceeds for a public library.

The court upheld the Garland Chancery court in ordering Thomas E. Bosson and others to accept two lots in Hot Springs from the Woman's Christian National Library association for \$32,000.

The association plans to use the money for erection of a building for the Garland county free library.

The high court said the library association agreed to sell the lots to Bosson and his associates, but that the latter's attorneys refused to approve the title on ground that the association held the two lots in trust for library purposes and could not convey a good title.

Both the Chancery court and the Supreme court held the trust was not violated and ordered the prospective purchasers to carry out their contract.

The lots involved were purchased from the United States government for \$100 in 1863. The court ordered Harry R. Pope to serve a five-year sentence imposed in Garland Circuit court on a conviction for burglary.

Pope was found guilty of breaking into a Hot Springs pharmacy Dec. 18, 1948, in an exchange of shots at the time one man was killed and a Hot Springs police officer, John Erney, wounded.

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months just ahead, the increase of \$8 to \$10 in the steel used in making a car may halve the planned price cuts for cars.

Already the appliance makers are talking of raising their prices to meet the increased steel charges.

Woman Kills Husband During Quarrel

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 19 —(UP) — A pretty brunette admitted today that she shot and killed her third husband — "the only one I really loved" — as he taunted her about her marksmanship.

Mrs. Lona E. Long, 31, said she shot the 40-year-old Ralph, 40, as the quarrel of a slow quarrel Sunday morning after he had snatched her down and slugged her. The argument started after a drinking party with another couple who left the Longs' fashionable residence here shortly before dawn.

"After the couple left, Mrs. Long said, her husband proposed that they drive to the home of her parents at Kew, Ind., 50 miles southwest of here.

"He wanted to go there because they always side with him in arguments," she said. "It was about 6 a. m. and I didn't think that was any time to go visiting. I wanted to stay home."

She denied that she was drunk but said she had several cans of beer and a Collins before the quarrel began.

As the argument progressed, she said, "Ralph threatened me and I ran into the kitchen."

"He beat me and knocked me down," she said. "I broke away from him, ran into the dining room and grabbed a rifle and some shells."

She said both she and her husband were excellent shots and competed in impromptu matches.

As she returned to the kitchen, she squeezed off one shot from the .22 caliber rifle. The slug hit the floor.

"What's the matter — you losing your aim?" Long taunted her and deliberately turned his back to her.

"Turn around," Mrs. Long ordered him. "I want you to face me when I shoot you."

"I won't turn around for you," he said. "I don't want to see you any more in my life. Furthermore, you haven't the guts to shoot me."

Mrs. Long fired a second shot. The bullet struck her husband in the right shoulder and apparently cursed directly through the heart but even as he fell, Long shouted:

"Call the hospital."

Mrs. Long ran from the house and drove to a trailer camp where her second husband, Lincoln Bright, lived. She told him about the killing and Bright took her to police.

Romance Is Revived After 46 Years

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 19 —(AP) — Ben F. Corley and Mrs. Ethel Thompson will be married December 27 after a romance that was interrupted 46 years ago.

An official postmaster at Gentry, Ark., helped renew the romance between Corley, now a St. Joseph restaurant operator, and Mrs. Thompson, who for 22 years was a member of the Los Angeles police department.

They were sweethearts at Gentry, Ark., until Mrs. Thompson then Miss Ethel Benefield, moved to Kansas City with her parents.

Eventually both married and raised families. Their spouses died. Last September Mrs. Thompson was looking through an old album and came upon a picture of Corley. She wrote to him at Gentry.

Corley had moved from there 43 years ago, but the postmaster did some checking, found Corley's present address and forwarded the letter.

The ceremony will be held at the home of Corley's son J. Hudson Corley in Kansas City. The couple plan to live at Long Beach, Calif.

Can't Tell Him There Is No Santa Claus

Philadelphia, Dec. 19 —(AP) — Don't tell Charley Willis there's no such thing as Christmas spirit.

Charley works in the Philadelphia Inquirer Library. Months ago, he and his fellow workers decided to chip in a quarter each a week to create a Christmas party fund. The name Sunshine club was chosen.

Two months ago, Charley's three-year-old daughter was critically burned in a gas stove mishap.

Without taking a formal vote, the Sunshine club gave Charley the \$160 in the club treasury to help defray medical expenses. And the scheduled party at a Philadelphia restaurant was cancelled.

Restaurantier Frank Palumbo heard the story and to-night Charley — his daughter well on the road to recovery — will join his friends at the party they planned with Palumbo picking up the check.

Rockefeller Tree Causes N. Y. Traffic Jam

New York, Dec. 19 —(AP) — Autos carrying Sunday sightseers to the Rockefeller center tree and Christmas display created a 31-block traffic jam on Fifth avenue last evening.

The jam extended from 41st to 72nd street between 5 and 10 p.m.

A fire engine was trapped in the jam while responding to an alarm for an automobile fire in Central park. The blaze, which did little damage, was extinguished quickly by other firemen.

Jealous Suitor Kills Rival Girl Friend

Cowan, Tenn., Dec. 19 —(UP) — A 21-year-old jealous suitor is in Franklin county jail in Winchester, Tenn., today charged with the double shot-gun slaying of a rival and their mutual girl friend following a temperamental mountain flareup near here.

Sheriff Jack Farris said Clyde Miller had been charged in connection with the death of Mrs. Mary Gamble Brewer, 22-year-old widow and William Thomas Ricketts, 25, in truck drive. All three were natives to the isolated section.

Authorities said Ricketts was instantly killed in the Saturday afternoon shooting and Mrs. Brewer died several hours after the shooting before medical aid could arrive to the isolated section.

Police said the only other witness to the double tragedy was Jerry Gamble, 28, brother of the slain widow. Authorities said Gamble explained the shooting by saying Miller, his sister and himself were walking to Cowan Saturday when they met Ricketts. Gamble added Ricketts decided to join them, but Miller objected.

According to police, it was then that Miller opened fire at the couple, striking Ricketts with a blast in the throat and Mrs. Brewer in her left arm and upper body.

Sheriff Farris said Miller told him he then notified his parents, who, in turn, called the police of the shooting.

Red-Tinged Union Members Fail to Appear at Hearing

Washington, Dec. 19 —(AP) — Officers of the California state CIO council and the United office and Professional Workers, accused of adhering to communist programs rather than CIO policy, failed to appear today for hearings on their ouster from the union.

Two special committees met anyway to take the charges and consider the recommendations they would make. The office workers union, headed by James Durkin of New York City, faces expulsion if the charges are upheld.

The California State Industrial Union Council leadership is under fire of locals seeking reorganization and a new charter.

Today's hearing behind closed doors at CIO headquarters was called before P. R. presidents Emil Rieve of the CIO Textile Workers, Martin Wagner of the CIO Chemical Workers, and Harry Sayre of the Paper Workers.

The office workers applied in federal court in Philadelphia last week for an injunction to block today's hearing. CIO officials said they had no word of any ruling of the court, so were going ahead.

After the office workers, communist-line charges against the CIO public workers are to be heard today's hearing. CIO officials said these are to be followed by hearings Jan. 4 on charges against the CIO mine, mill and smelter workers, and on Jan. 6 on charges against the CIO food, tobacco and agricultural workers.

Believe it or not, your telephone bill has REALLY gone down!

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While the "real cost" to you of telephone service has gone down, the expenses of furnishing that service have mounted until telephone earnings today are one-third lower than in the depths of the depression.

If you are to continue to get good telephone service, it is urgent that earnings be restored to normal levels. This will take an increase in your telephone bill of, at most, a few cents a day. But it will still leave the "real cost" of telephone service lower than before the war.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Use Your "Common Censorship"

Judge Cunningham and I were discussing this and over a friendly glass of beer and we touched on my pet peeve—censorship.

"I hate censorship in any form," I says. "It's a threat to freedom." But the Judge shook his head. "There's one form of censorship you approve," he said, "and that's self-censorship—playing fair when the referee isn't looking. The biggest threat to freedom is simply the misuse of it."

The Judge was right. Take the Brewers' Program of Self-Regulation. The Brewers and tavern

keepers themselves co-operate in seeing that taverns are kept clean and law-abiding. They know that the only real threat to our freedom—and right—to enjoy a friendly glass of temperate beer when and if we choose, will come simply from any abuse of the privilege.

From where I sit, it never pays to start taking too many liberties with our rights and liberties. It does pay, though, to use a little "common censorship."

Joe Marsh

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Social and Personal

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Social Calendar

Tuesday, December 20

The Young People of the First Presbyterian church, will have a caroling party Tuesday, December 20. They will meet at the church at 7 p. m. and after they have finished caroling, they will return to the church for refreshments.

The McRae Bible class of the First Presbyterian church will meet at 7 p. m. at the church for a class party. Hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. James Pilkinton.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the United Methodist church will meet Tuesday, December 20, at 2 p. m. There will be a special Christmas program presented.

Tuesday, December 20

The Willing Workers class of the Hope Gospel Tabernacle will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. A. B. Moon for the annual Christmas party. All members are urged to attend.

Wednesday, December 21

There will be a church Christmas tree at the First Presbyterian church at 7:30 p. m. for all families. Santa Claus will be present with gifts for all children through the intermediate department.

The Primary and Junior children of the Methodist church school will entertain their families and friends with an old fashioned Christmas party Wednesday evening, December 21 at 7 o'clock in the Recreation rooms of the church.

The Wisteria Garden club will meet in the home of Mrs. Manuel Hamm at 2 p. m. Wednesday, with Mrs. David Griffin, co hostess. All members are urged to be present.

Thursday, December 22

The Service class of the First Christian church will have its Christmas party at the Barlow Hotel at 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

There will be no choir rehearsal at the First Christian church on Thursday.

Saturday, December 24

There will be the annual Christmas eve party for the children of the First Christian church school in Fellowship Hall at 7 p. m. Saturday.

Bolton-Butler Nuptials to Be January Event

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bolton of Hot Springs announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Laura Edwina Bolton, to Charles Phillip Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Butler of Hope.

The wedding will be an event in January. The bride-elect, granddaughter of Mrs. M. A. Griffin of Hot Springs, attended Henderson State Teachers college, Arkadelphia where she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sorority.

Mr. Butler attended Henderson State Teachers college in Arkadelphia. He served in the army overseas during World War II.

West Bros. Employees Entertained at Dinner

As an annual custom during the Yuletide season, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tollett, entertained with Christmas party at seven o'clock Friday evening at their home on South Main, for the pleasure of the West Bros. employees, their husbands and wives, and other guests.

The Tollett home was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. The mantel was banked with greenery and red lighted tapers.

The dining table covered with a lace cloth was centered with an ornamental Christmas ball tree placed on a mirror placque which was surrounded with holly and white tapers in crystal holders. A large red and white ribbon extended from the centerpiece to each end of the table.

The buffet held a huge red candle on a reflector encircled with holly leaves and berries.

A delicious turkey dinner was served from the dining table and small quartet tables which were

covered with linen cloths. Following the dinner, games were played under the direction of Miss Emma Jean Tollett.

The high light of the evening was when Mr. Tollett, manager of the store presented each employee with bonus checks of \$100. Gifts were exchanged from the beautifully lighted tree.

Those enjoying the occasion were the employees, Ohal Taylor, Mrs. Hazel Arnett, Mrs. O. L. Minton, Miss Roxie Baker, Miss Marion Taylor, Mrs. Howard Cumble and Terry Owens. Guests were Mrs. Ohal Taylor, Neely Parker, Miss Velma Goss, H. D. Ray, P. Robertson, Jr., and Miss Kathleen Walker, and J. W. Adams, of El Dorado, general superintendent of the Arkansas stores.

Miss Sue Livingston and James Holt Burke Wed in Emmet Church

Beautiful in its simplicity was the wedding at two o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Emmet Methodist church, when Miss Norma Sue Livingston, became the bride of James Holt Burke. The double ring ceremony was read by the pastor of the church, the Reverend Wilson, before an altar decorated with greenery and poinsettias.

Miss Livingston is the daughter of Mrs. C. C. Billings of this city, and C. L. Livingston of Port Arthur, Tex. Mr. Burke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Burke of DeAnn.

The bride chose a two piece navy blue taffeta dress with black accessories. She wore a white veil with a shoulder length veil, and white mesh gloves. Her only ornament was a strand of pearls and she pinned a single orchid at her shoulder.

Mrs. William E. Routon, Jr., was the bride's mother of honor and only attendant. She was attired in a blue gaudy suit with citrus accessories.

Mr. Routon served the bridegroom as best man. Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left for a wedding trip to Port Arthur and other points along the Gulf coast.

Mrs. Burke graduated from Hope High school and attended Port Arthur Business college. Mr. Burke is a graduate of Henderson State Teachers college in Arkadelphia. He served two years with the U. S. Army in the European theatre.

They will make their home in DeAnn.

Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. Hossy Garrett of Gastonia, N. C. arrived Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. H. J. F. Garrett and Mrs. Mary Lemley.

Charles Thomas, and Jack Bruner of the Univ. of Ark., Fayetteville are holiday guests of their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Phillips, Sr., of Hobbs, N. M. arrived Sunday afternoon for a holiday visit with their daughter, Mrs. Rupert Hern and Mr. Hern and children.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Trapp and children, Terry Ann and Stephen Mark of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Murphy, Jr., and son, of Crosssett, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hensley of Dallas will arrive Christmas eve night to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Murphy, Sr. and sister, Miss Betty Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Edward Crow of Little Rock and their guest, Paul Mahoney, Jr. of Little Rock, and Martin Crow of Hendrix college, Conway are holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Crow.

Among those home from Hendrix College, Conway for the holiday are: Merrill Edward McCloughan, Martin Crow, Glen Williams, Charles Hyatt and Miss Dorothy O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Tolleson and daughter, Mary Stuart of the Univ. of Ark., at Fayetteville arrived Saturday for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Tolleson.

Miss Polly Tolleson of Dallas will arrive Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Tolleson.

Ray West arrived Sunday from

Fresno, Cal., where he is attending college, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. West.

Mrs. C. B. Cox, and daughter, Lou Nell, and Martin Poole, Jr. of Hot Springs are attending the bedside of Mrs. Cox's mother, Mrs. Luther Holloman who is seriously ill at her home here.

Misses Pauline and Correne Morris, Norma Jean Taylor, Velma and Maxine Tabor, ouise Elder, Naomi Bruner, Joretta Sims, Clifton Evans, J. W. Bobo, arrived today from Southwestern Bible college, Waxahatchie, Tex., to spend the holidays with their respective parents here.

Billy Ed Basye of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., arrived for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Basye.

S. A. Westbrook, Jr. of Monticello, A & M college arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Westbrook, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hannah Ward and children of Texarkana were Sunday visitors in Hope.

Miss Ethelene White of TWC, Fort Worth is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White.

Miss Pat Ellen left Monday for Warren, Ark. to visit her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Joe E. Bond and grandmother, Mrs. R. C. Waller.

Miss Peggy McCann of New Orleans arrived Monday to be the holiday guest of Miss Rosa Harrie.

Monty Montgomery of Amarillo, Tex. arrived Friday for a holiday visit with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Kilpsch left this week-end for El Paso, Tex. to spend the holidays with Mrs. Kilpsch's mother, Mrs. J. E. Quaid and other relatives, and will attend the wedding of Miss Margaret Quaid and Lt. Col. Pete Zanca on Monday, Dec. 26. Miss Quaid is Mrs. Kilpsch's sister and has visited in Hope many times.

Hospital Notes

Julia Chester Admitted: Wm. T. Rowe, Hope; Mrs. H. O. Stuart, Ozan; M. B. Hatch, Hope.

Discharged: Mrs. James H. Martindale, Rt. 1, Nashville.

Josephine Admitted: Mrs. Lou Hollamon, Hope; Mrs. Fred Fuller, Rt. 1, Hope; Mrs. Bob Richards, Hope.

Discharged: Ernest Rogers, Stamps, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fuller, of Hope, Rt. 1, announced the arrival of a daughter, born on Dec. 19.

Branch Admitted: Floye Ellen Harris, Delight; Mrs. Wm. Routon, Hope; Melva Jones, Hope.

Discharged: Hope Ellen Harris, Delight.

Holly and ivy have been identified with Christmas from very early times.

I Love My Doctor

By Evelyn Perkins

The Story: We have found an apartment, suitable and reasonable for John to use in starting his medical practice. But, like a woman, I want to "fix it up."

Without previous experience or knowledge, except from magazine articles on home decoration, I started out myself to paint it. John came home and found me in a mess of paint, and helped me finish one room.

The next morning, Wednesday I tackled the bedroom; pale blue. On Thursday morning I was ready for the foyer. Mr. Schmitty, whose practical advice I had come to respect much more than the critical descriptions of the magazines had suggested that I paint the outer paneling first, so as not to soil the wallpaper after it was on.

Obediently, I dug up my rose pigment and mixed, sitting over the paint with the same intensity that Macbeth's three witches used in stirring their famous brew.

When John arrived, again at 6, the outer paneling was all done, and I greeted him cheerfully with: "Now we're all set to paper the rest."

John was unimpressed. "I don't know how to paper a room," "Neither do I," I answered, "but it tells how here."

I found a chapter in a book, and I proceeded to read aloud. "You mean," asked John, "that you expect to read it just like that, and do it?"

"Of course," I said. "First we have to make the paste." So we made the paste.

"Does it talk about lumps in the book?" he asked. "Nope," I said after a hurried perusal, "but Mr. Schmitty did."

"What did he say," John spoke anxiously. "To watch out for them," I replied. "But maybe it doesn't matter much."

Step No. 2 was cutting the paper. Since we had no table, we cut the long strips on the floor, which was uncomfortable, at best, and inaccurate, at worst.

True, the paste showed through quite lumpy from underneath, but not unbearably so to our prejudiced eyes. True, we had forgotten to match the designs on the different pieces each to each, but even there we were fortunate in having chosen a pattern in which this didn't seem to be of great consequence. What difference would it make, and why should anyone care if occasionally the lady in the print was to be seen holding a house instead of a bunch of flowers? And yet something was undeniably wrong.

"It's the color of the paint!" we both exclaimed simultaneously. The rose I had painted in the outer panels was much too purple a color for the paper, and the result was hideous.

"Oh, John," I nearly wept "and after all my work today too!"

Names of U. S. Towns Keep Holiday Spirit

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, Dec. 18 — (UP) — If you don't believe the Christmas season is upon you, just look over the map and the postmarks on your holiday cards.

There are places like Christmas, Fla.; Christmas Eve, Me.; Santa Claus, Ind.; Gift, Miss. Candelwax, Va.; Jerusalem, O.; Barnstable, Mass.; Wiseman, Ark. What Chicago, Ill.; Balsam, Minn.; Noel Colo. Angeles Calif., etc. Among others. About 40 such towns in all.

These towns are included in a Christmas map exhibit at the Library of Congress. The show features maps from around the world, with the emphasis on Palestine, Jerusalem and Nazareth and was prepared by the map division of the Library.

Mr. W. Ristow is acting head of the map section and is assisted by Mrs. Maud Cole and James Van Story.

The post office department reports that the towns with Christmases give their postmasters a hard time. Some of them are so small their post offices have a post office. But the ones which do really catch it.

Take Santa Claus, Ind., for instance. The government allows the postmaster just so many minutes for extra help during the holiday season, to take care of the added burden of sending out the Christmas mail.

But a couple of decades ago people caught onto the idea of mailing big bundles of their Christmas cards to Santa Claus, Ind., to get them postmarked from the unusual town.

The postmaster there once told me he found old fix. His office force wasn't big enough to handle the load. He himself worked day and night because each of the letters which came in had to be postmarked. He called in all of his relatives and paid them off with a big Christmas dinner financed out of his pocket.

The same like is true of places like Holly Tree, Ala.; Gladson, Mo.; Hope, N. D.; Faith, S. D. After postmaster who used to catch it, he and his wife, Mrs. Minnie, is the one at Penasco, Minn. That's supposed to be the northern-most outpost in the United States, the place where Santa hits first on his trip down our way, from the North pole.

Folks from all over used to send the Christmas packages and letters to Postmark.

In the old days, the people used to make it hard on the over-worked postmaster by asking him to pencil little notes to their friends. Like: "Santa crossed the border here and we asked him to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The postmaster didn't like the extra work, but he always filled the bill.

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DOROTHY DIX Cure for Shrewishness

Dear Miss Dix: I am an average young woman who against considerable odds has kept her mental balance. After years of effort, I have now achieved some progress against being a snob, loving and unbelievably factless. My reason tells me I am wrong when I nag. I have tried any amount of reasoning to overcome it but under the stress of a strong disappointment I lose to an emotional orgy of self-pity, which breaks down all reserve, only abuse those I dearly love, where my heart is concerned. I can reason it out this far, that I am not loved or am losing a love I have labored long to gain. Is there any cure for shrewishness?

Answer: I do not think any people are more to be pitied than those who have the vision to see the wise and right thing to do, yet lack the strength to do it. For they are not only at odds with it about them, they are perpetually at war with themselves.

Dullards sin without remorse. They pass the buck and blame everyone else but themselves for their wrong doings and their failures. But the intelligent have no such scapegoats. They stand convicted at the bar of their own consciences and know that they have brought their misfortunes on their own heads.

Wants to Be Loved You would like to be popular, to know that you always carried your welcome with you, yet your tactlessness alienates people instead of drawing them to you. You long passionately to be loved, yet make of your tongue a two-edged sword with which you slay even those near and dear to you the heart. You nag, even though

you know that it will drive away from you those whom you would bind to you with hoops of steel.

These are common feminine faults. They are at the bottom of most of the tragedies of women's lives. A woman knows that she drives her husband and children away from her by her nagging. She knows that she makes her home a hell on earth by her temper. She knows that she has no friends, yet she goes on doing the things that are her own undoing.

The only way to reform is simply to reform. Quit sinning. Quit doing the thing that hurts you and brings suffering on others. There is not one of us who cannot conquer our faults if we really desire to do so. It is because we want to enjoy our weaknesses and not have to pay for them that makes us coddle our faults with self-pity.

Answer: Your best weapon will be a good liver pill. A wit once said that whether life was worth living or not depended upon the state of the liver, and nothing but a dose of extreme bitterness can induce such a jaundiced view of the world as your ladylove takes. Of course, there is rain, but there is also sunshine. There are

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BLONDIE



By Chick Young

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You got him really worried, Slug—he's scared to death he's gonna kill you!"

SIDE GLANCES

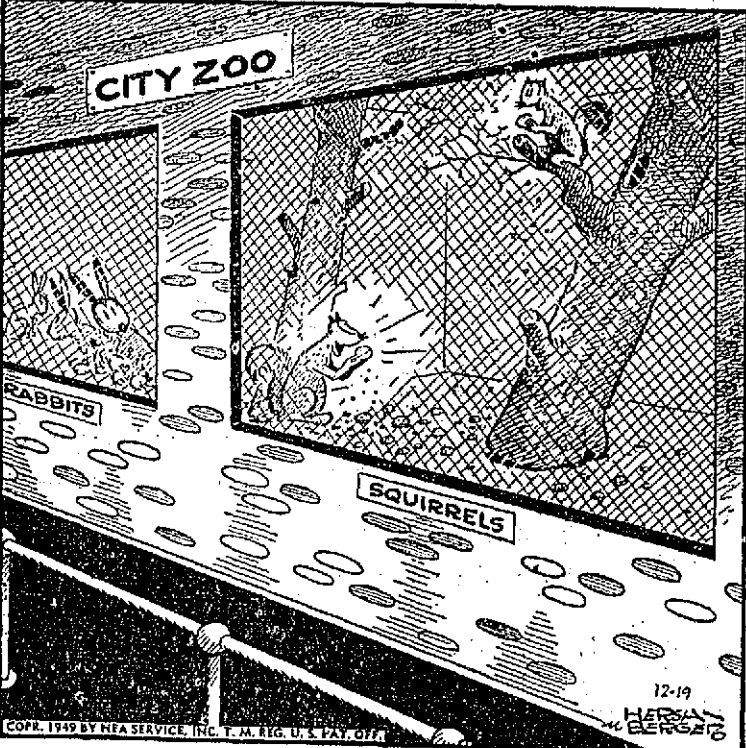
By Galbraith



"Now, sir, is a good time to talk about life insurance—"

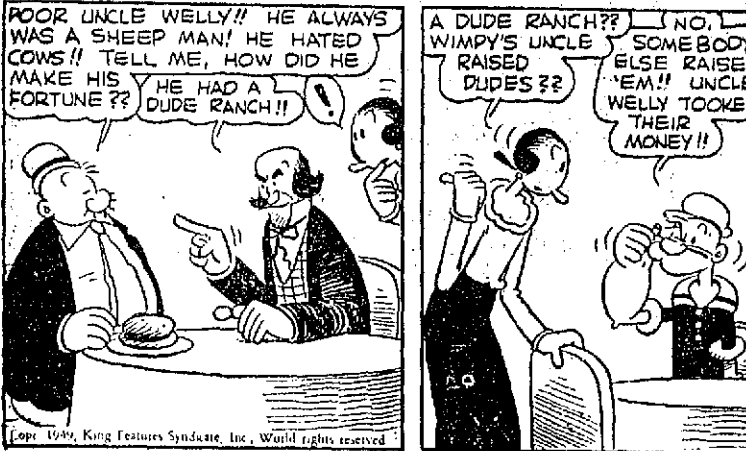
FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



"No more burying nuts, kid—we're living on the government now!"

POPEYE



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Blosser



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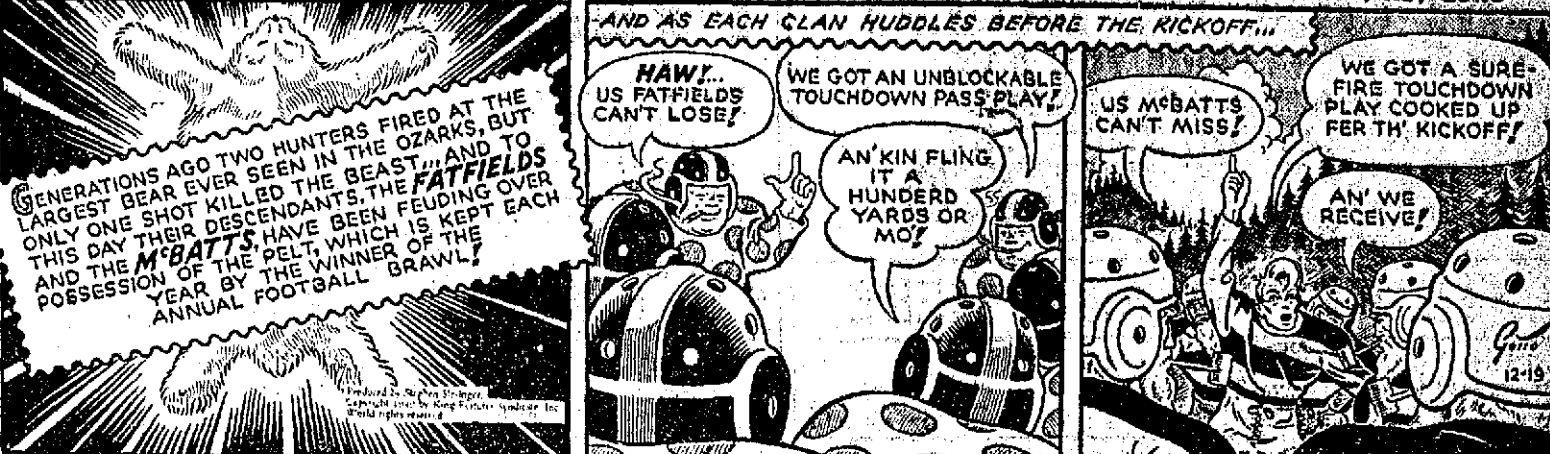


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With Major Hoople



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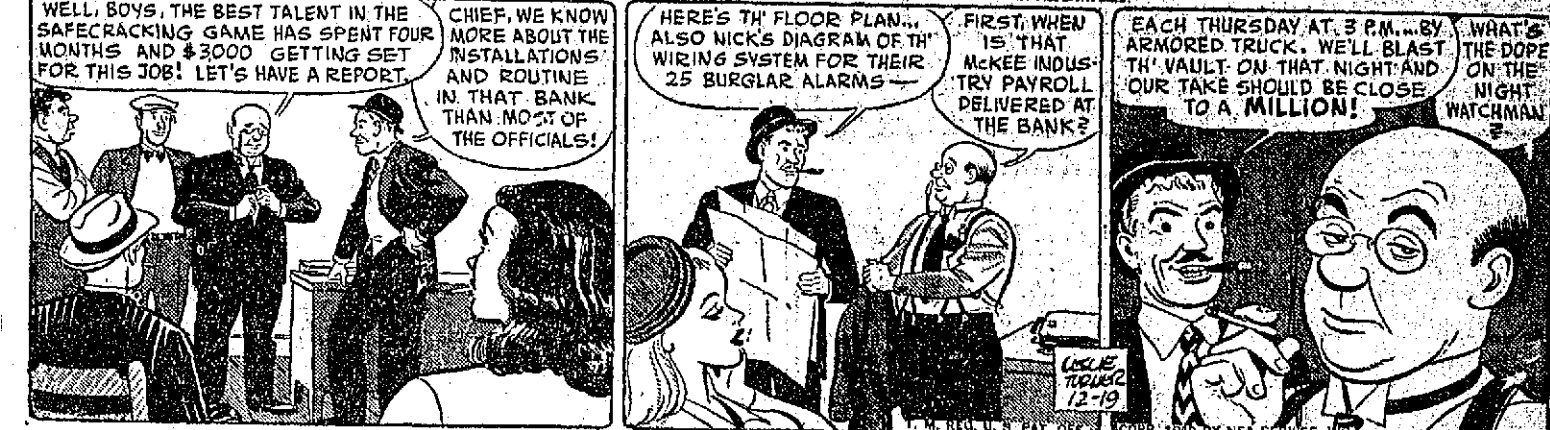
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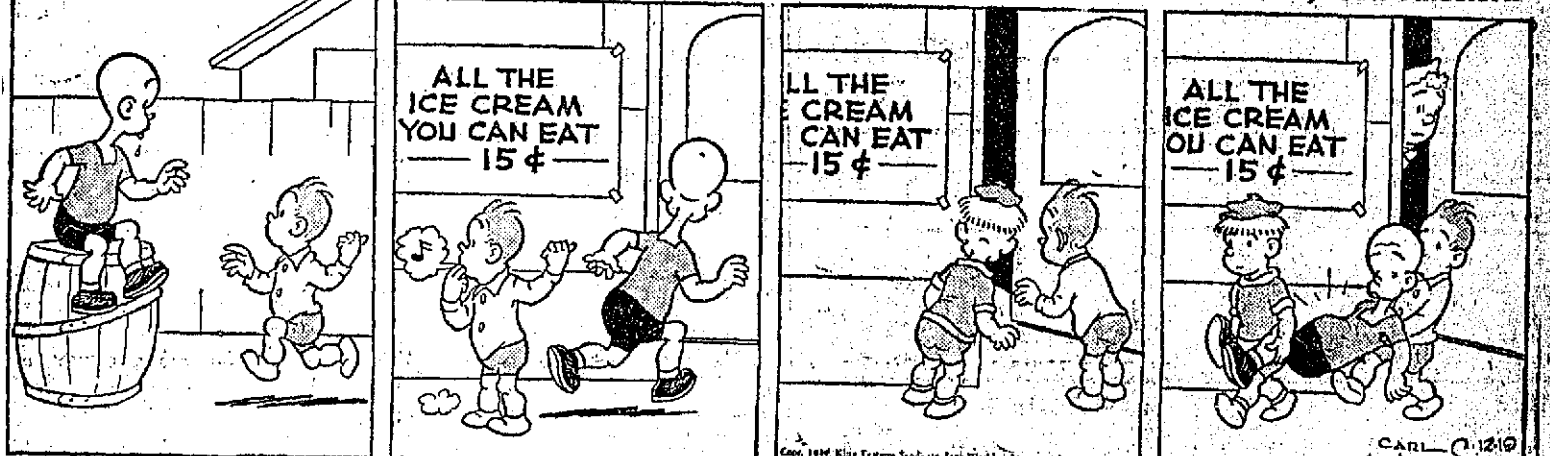
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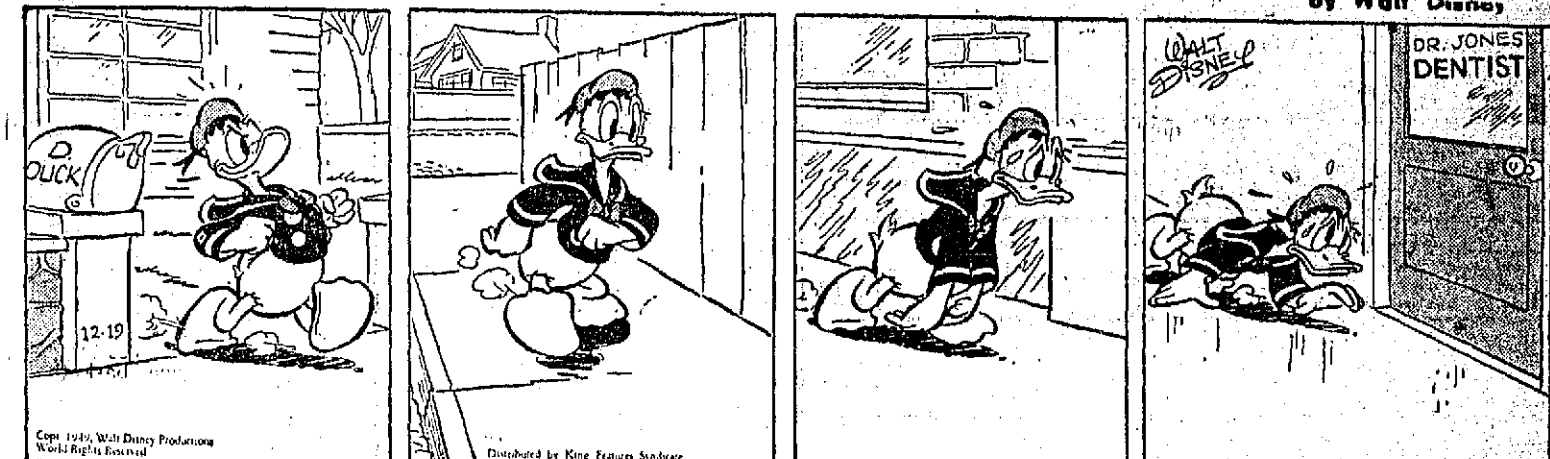
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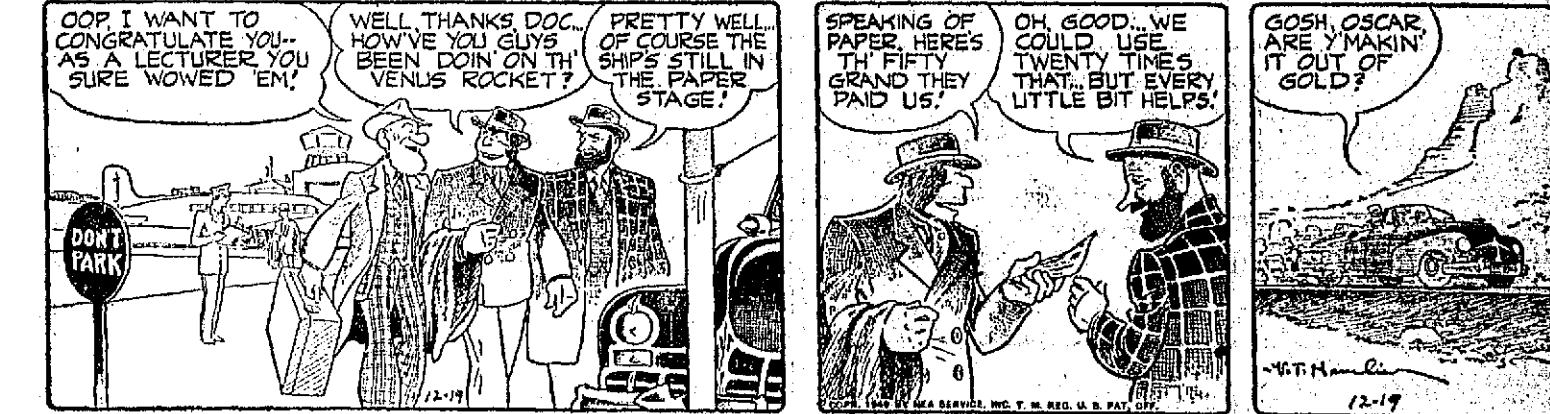
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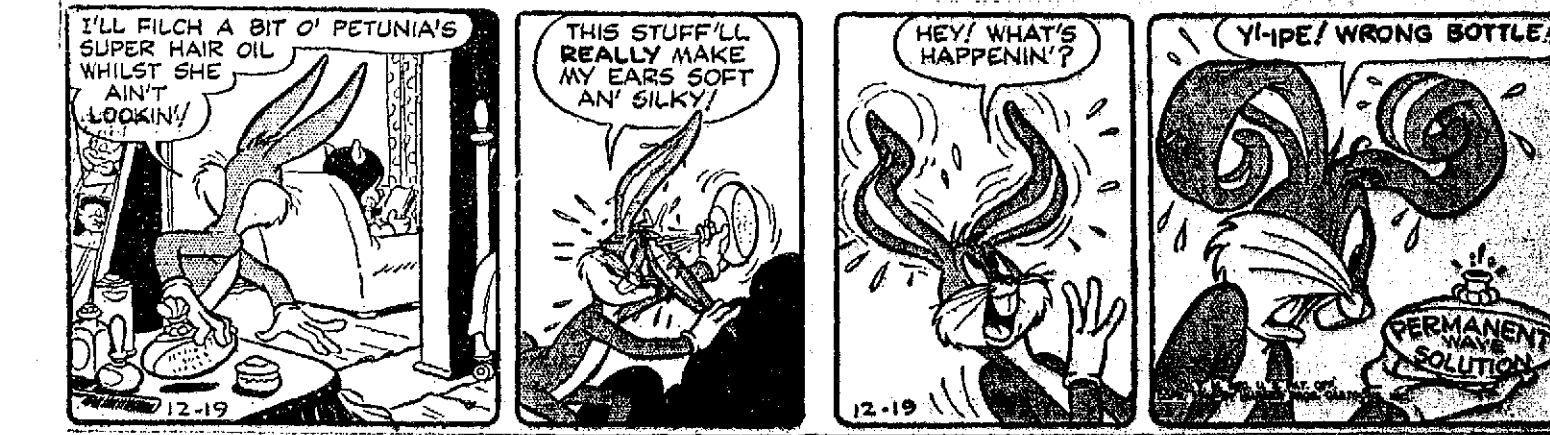
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By Edgar Martin

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Prescott News

Monday, December 19
The American Legion and Legion auxiliary will have a joint Christmas party at 7:30 at the Legion Hut Monday night.

Tuesday, December 20
The Rose Garden club will have a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Gene Hale with Mrs. H. H. Eaton as co-hostesses Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. There will be an inexpensive gift exchange.

The Prescott Garden club will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Watson White, Sr.

The Women's council and Business Women's council of Christian church will hold a joint meeting and Christmas party, Tuesday evening, at 7:30 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bryson. The program committee, Mesdames J. C. Siegar, S. B. Gee and J. W. Bradley have prepared an excellent program. No one can afford to miss this enjoyable evening.

The Ladies auxiliary of the Central Baptist church will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

The students of the Prescott High school, under the sponsorship of the Student council, will entertain with its third annual open house on Tuesday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Order of the Eastern Star will have its annual Christmas party following the regular stated meeting of the chapter Tuesday evening at 7:30. Every member is to bring an inexpensive gift to be exchanged. Also each person is asked to bring a jar of fruit or vegetable together with clothing as a special offering for needy families for Christmas. This is one of the main features of the O. E. S. party, making Christmas for others.

Sunnee Gayle Morris honored with Party
Mrs. Wade Morris entertained with a party at her home on Wednesday afternoon for the pleasure of her little daughter Sunnee Gayle on her third birthday anniversary.

The guests played a variety of games after which Santa Claus made his appearance and gave each one a Christmas stocking filled with candy.

After the singing of the "Happy Birthday" song, the forty-five little guests were served Santa Claus ice cream and Christmas cookies from a table holding a beautiful birthday cake embossed with "Happy Birthday Sunnee Gayle". Balloons and whistles were given as favors.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brinkley and son Davey of Texarkana were out of town guests.

County Home Demonstration Luncheon at Emmet
The annual home demonstration luncheon was held on Wednesday noon in the Methodist church annex in Emmet.

Christmas decorations and a lighted Christmas tree gave a festive air to the occasion. The tables held unique Yuletide decorations. Christmas corsages marked the places for 40 members and their guests.

Mrs. Madge Burgess, home demonstration agent, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Flora Friend, district home demonstration agent for Southeast Arkansas, who spoke on "The Home Demonstration club members responsibility in the future." An exchange of gifts followed.

The delicious luncheon was prepared and served by the ladies of the Emmet P. T. A.

Prescott Musical Coterie Observes Guest Day

The Prescott Musical Coterie members and their guests met at the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 14. Guests were received at the door by the hostesses and invited into the room made lovely with arrangements of holly and holly in the holiday motif.

Mrs. James V. McMahon, president, opened the meeting and welcomed the guests. She presented Mrs. Joe R. Hamilton, Mrs. S. B. Gee, Mrs. H. L. Eaton and Mrs. Jack Cooper who sang the Federation hymn. They were accompanied by Mrs. Warren Cummings.

Mrs. E. W. R. Burkes gave the invocation. Mrs. Jack Cooper, program leader, presented a delightful quiz in the origin of various Christmas carols and verses of Christmas poetry. She then gave a most enjoyable talk on the origin and preservation of Christmas carols.

Mrs. W. H. Bensberg sang "Oh, Holy Night" accompanied by Mrs. Cummings.

Mrs. Art Regnier played a piano solo Redner's "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arranged by Kohlmann.

A choral group composed of Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Lela Hays, Mrs. S. B. Gee, Mrs. Joe R. Hamilton, and Mrs. Charles Thomas gave a lovely rendition of Christmas music. The Gospel according to St. Luke was interpolated between the singing of the carols by Mrs. Jack Cooper, reader. Mrs. Cummings accompanied at the piano and Mrs. McMahon played the violin ably.

Following the program the guests were invited into the dining room where tea was prepared for them. The table was lovely with a cloth of white satin. A beautifully arranged of Landina berries and holly centered the table. Nandina berries and ivy were interwoven to each side. Tall red tapered were held in a silver five-branched candelabrum.

Mrs. McMahon presided at the hostesses dispensing hospitality silver service.

were Mrs. Dallas Atkins, Mrs. Warren Cummings, Mrs. W. C. Reeves, Mrs. Hugh Elgin and Mrs. W. G. Bensberg.

Presbyterian Men Elect N. N. Daniel
The men's club of the Presbyterian church at their monthly dinner-program on December 14, elected N. N. Daniel as president for the year 1950. He succeeds D. L. McKee, Jr. Other officers elected were: R. P. Hamby, vice president, and R. W. Reynolds, Secretary-treasurer. The men club

joyed a barbecue dinner, prepared by a menu committee which John L. McCartney was chairman. S. O. Logan had the Bible devotion and quiz. The speaker of the evening was Jack Lowe of Hope. Mr. Lowe is president of the Men of Ounchita Presbyterian Men's convention at Atlanta, Ga. in November. Five thousand Presbyterian men were in that meeting. Mr. Lowe brought the Prescott group highlights of that convention. The class honored W. V. Tompkins with a birthday present. The presentation was made by Randolph Hamby.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Hines and son Johnny left Thursday for Hemet, Cal. where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Landers.

Mrs. Wat W. White, Sr. spent a part of last week in Little Rock as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White and daughter Ann.

Mrs. Elwood Robinson and daughter Betty Lynn of El Dorado who have been the guest of Mrs. Mettie Robinson are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fielder in Gurdon.

Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Gee have as their next Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carr of Greenville, Tex. and Miss Artie Gee of the Univ. of Ark. Fayetteville.

Woman Leaps to Death From Fifth-Floor

Boston, Dec. 19 — (UP) — Miss Virginia Martin, 33, bathed luxuriously early today, marcelled her blonde hair, donned a dressing gown and leaped to her death from the fifth-floor fire escape of her home as her horrified mother watched helplessly.

"I saw my daughter in the living room all primed up and in her dressing gown," distraught Mrs. Julia Martin, a 70-year-old widow, told police.

"I asked her why she was getting dressed so early and she ran out of the room and the next thing I knew she was sitting on the fire escape. I pleaded with her to come in. It was raining outside and I told my Ginny she must come in. Then it happened. She threw herself over the rail."

Police said Miss Martin quit her secretary's job after suffering a nervous breakdown, but recently took a similar position. She rarely had dates, they said.



ARMS AID CHIEF—Maj.-Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, above, heading the Defense Department's new "office of military assistance," will have the responsibility of shipping arms to Europe under the military assistance program.

And the war-weary citizens, Christians, Jews and Arabs alike, had hoped that this Christmas would bring true peace on earth and good will — a time of quiet reconstruction and healing of wounds.

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Jerusalem Again in Trouble

Jerusalem, Dec. 19 — (UP) — The advent of the Christmas season found in Jerusalem today more barbed wire than holiday tinsel, more seeds of strife than rivets of peace.

For the third straight Christmas the Holy City lay under the shadow of smoldering enmity. On either side of a narrow no man's land zig-zagging through the city, khaki-clad Israelis and Arab legionnaires in red kaffiyehs paced their posts.

The war which raged bloodily last Christmas and was shaping up the year before was fresh in memory. Scarcely a family had escaped its harsh demands of one kind or another.

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Aviv. Few were so optimistic as to believe there would be no repercussions.

Nor did any dare guess what would come of the United Nations plan to internationalize Jerusalem; which the Israeli shift defied.

Jerusalem was not one city but two — one held by Israel, the other by Hashemite Jordan. Over the objections of both the undecided to leave the city in the hands of neither.

AP&L Executive Found Dead in Field

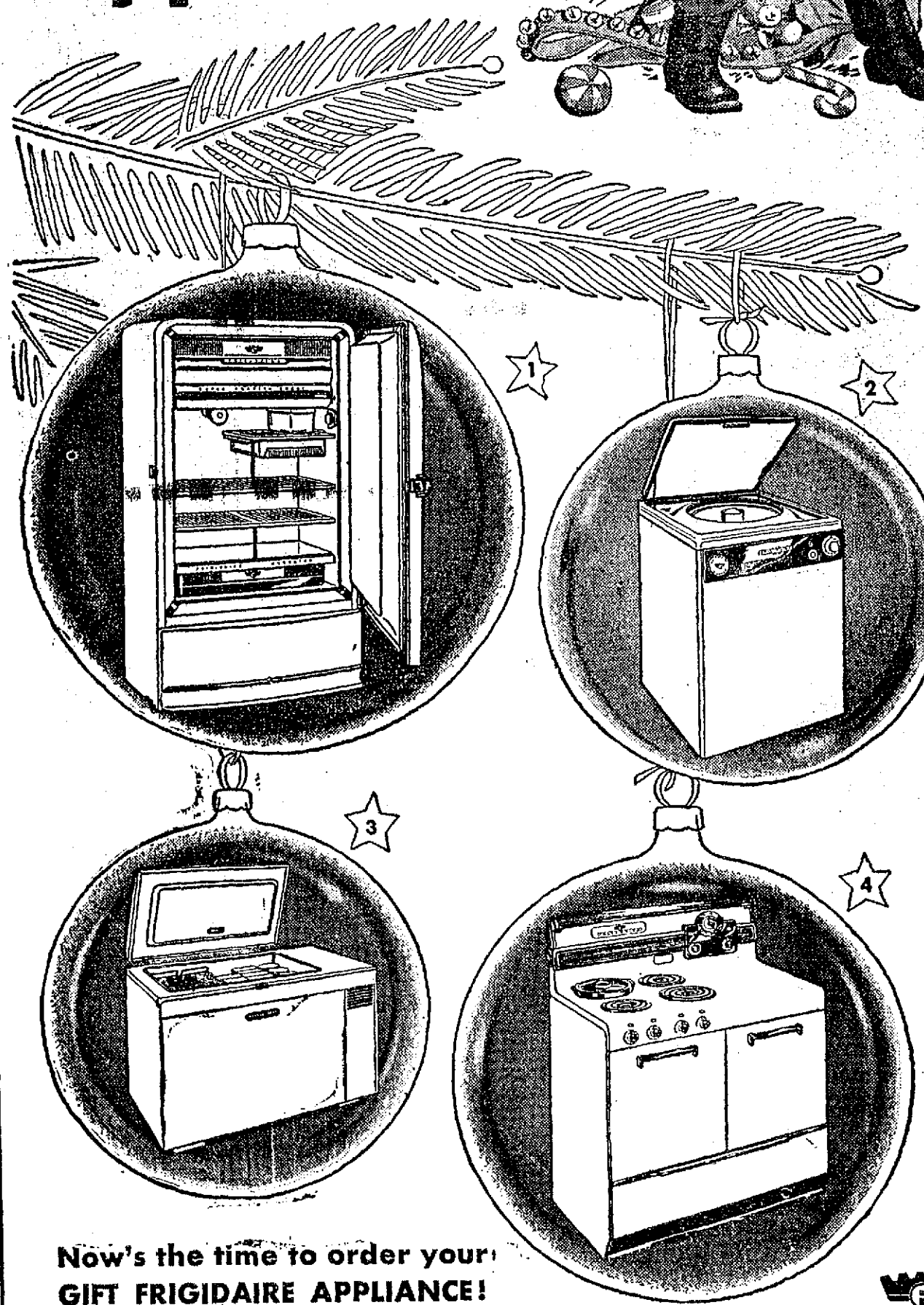
Hampton, Dec. 19 — (P) — Wallace M. Priam, 46, Pine Bluff, Arkansas Power and Light company executive, was found dead in a field near here yesterday. Dr. L. R. McFarland, Calhoun county coroner said his death was suicide.

He had borrowed a rifle a few hours earlier, saying he was going hunting.

An employee of A. P. and L. for 21 years, Priam was head of the company's receipts and disbursements division. Survivors include his wife, his parents and a sister.

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